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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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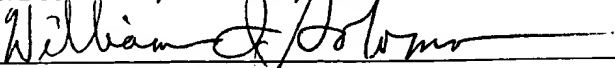
Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed January 4, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants are filing herewith an executed Declaration for patent application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63. In addition, Applicants are also submitting a Credit Card Payment Form for \$260.00 to cover the surcharge for the filing of the belated Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.38038X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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APPENDIX

English Translation of Claim 6, inadvertently omitted from the initial translation.

-- 6. A lithium secondary battery according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein at least one of current collectors of negative electrodes and positive electrodes has on its surface a layer of a metal having higher hardness than that of the base metal of said collector. --.

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CORRECTION OF DEFECTIVE TRANSLATION

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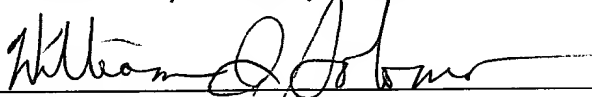
The Notice of Defective Translation, attached to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office mailed January 4, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. This Notice of Defective Translation indicates that claim 6 has been omitted from the translation. Accordingly, to correct this defect, appended hereto is a translation of claim 6. In connection with this translation of claim 6, note, for example, the description from page 9, line 26 to page 10, line 3, of Applicants' specification (in English).

In view of this appended translation of claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that the noted defect in the translation has been removed. Accordingly, consideration of the above-identified application on the merits, in due course, is respectfully requested.

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